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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of)
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For: *Actuating Mechanism for the*)
Functional Elements in a Round Baler) Peoria, IL 61602-1241
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Honorable Director of the United States
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Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

The following information and attached material are submitted for the Examiner's consideration relative to one or more of the claims in the above-identified application. Form PTO-1449 and a copy of each item listed thereon are attached.

Patent EP 0 130 258 was cited by the applicants in the application. The relevance of this document to the claimed subject matter in this application is believed to be explained in the application.


DE 31 18 663 shows a single hydraulic cylinder 33 and complex linkages for opening the tailgate and for keeping the tailgate closed. The arrangement is such that when the baler is full, indicator arm 30 rises toward position 30' to indicate increased pressure inside the chamber.

DE 39 41 707 shows a first hydraulic cylinder 21 which functions to move the tensioning arm 14 to a forward position (see Fig. 2) and a second hydraulic cylinder 22 which operates to open the tailgate.

One or more of the documents may have markings thereon. No significance is meant to be attached to the markings.

It is believed that this disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure §609. If for some reason the examiner considers otherwise, it is respectfully requested that the undersigned be called so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,



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